

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5141
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REFUND CASES PENDING WITH CBDT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the attention of the Government have been drawn to the news item captioned `Court directs I-T Chief to consider NGO's tips' appearing in `The Times of India` July 31, 2000;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) the number of cases pending with CBDT and Chief Commissioner of Income tax for refund/clearance for over six months and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which the refund is likely to be given to the aggrieved parties?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The High Court of Delhi in its order dated 27.7.2000 has directed that the suggestions made by the NGO may be implemented as practicable and desirable in the interest of revenue and tax payer.
- (c) The suggestions made have been examined for implementation.
- (d)&(e): The need for taking effective steps for elimination of delay in issue of Income tax refunds has been repeatedly impressed on the field formations of the Income tax Department. There are, however, certain difficulties relating to infrastructure which impede quicker clearance of refund claims. During the last financial year, out of total claim of 516,095 number of refunds, 357,703 refunds have been issued till 31 March, 2000. Every effort is made for early disposal of the remaining refund claims.